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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 8367

GIROUARD et al.

Group Art Unit: 3618

Appln. No.: 09/472,134

Examiner: Anne Marie Boehler

Filed: December 23, 1999

Title: SNOWMOBILE

May 14, 2003

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 61, 89, and 91 without prejudice or disclaimer as to Appellants' right to file one or more continuation applications directed toward that subject matter.

Please amend claims 60 and 92 as follows:

60. (Five Times Amended) A snowmobile, comprising:

a frame having a forward-most drive track axle disposed thereon;

a straddle seat disposed on the frame;

an engine disposed on the frame in front of the seat;

two skis disposed on the frame; and

a steering device disposed on the frame and operatively connected to the two skis for steering the snowmobile;

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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

## FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| 1. Small Entity claim                                                                                                                               |                               | Claims remaining after amendment | Highest number previously paid for | Present Extra | Large/Small Entity | Additional Fee | Fee Code Lg/Sm |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made                                                                                                     | For B & C See Required        |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn                                                                                                               |                               |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith                                                                                                           | Separate Paper (Pat-256)      |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
| D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously                                                                                                         |                               |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
| 2. Total Effective Claims                                                                                                                           | 78                            | **minus                          | 87                                 | 0             | x \$18/\$9 =       | + \$0          | 103/203        |
| 3. Independent Claims                                                                                                                               | 28                            | ***minus                         | 29                                 | 0             | x \$84/\$42 =      | + \$0          | 102/202        |
| 4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) ..... |                               |                                  |                                    | add           | + \$280/\$140 =    | + \$0          | 104/204        |
| 5. Original due Date: February 14, 2003                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> NONE |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
| 6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached         | (1 mo)                        | \$110/\$55 =                     |                                    |               |                    |                | 115/215        |
|                                                                                                                                                     | (2 mos)                       | \$410/\$205 =                    | + \$930                            |               |                    |                | 116/216        |
|                                                                                                                                                     | (3 mos)                       | \$930/\$465 =                    |                                    |               |                    |                | 117/217        |
|                                                                                                                                                     | (4 mos)                       | \$1,450/\$725=                   |                                    |               |                    |                | 118/218        |
|                                                                                                                                                     | (5 mos)                       | \$1,970/\$985=                   |                                    |               |                    |                | 128/228        |
| 7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract                                                                 |                               | - \$0                            |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
| 8.                                                                                                                                                  |                               | Extension Fee                    | + \$930                            |               |                    |                |                |
| 9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee                                                                                     |                               | + \$110/\$55                     | + \$0                              |               |                    |                | 148/248        |
| 10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), or if Rule 97(d) Request .....                                                         | add                           | + \$180                          |                                    |               |                    |                | 126            |
|                                                                                                                                                     | add                           | + \$180                          | + \$0                              |               |                    |                | 126            |
| 11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....                                                                                        |                               | + \$750/370                      | + \$0                              |               |                    |                | 146/246        |
| 12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....                                                                              |                               | x \$750/375 ea                   | + \$0                              |               |                    |                | 149/249        |
| 13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....                                                                                                   |                               | + \$750/375                      | + \$0                              |               |                    |                | 1179/1279      |
| 14. Petition fee for .....                                                                                                                          |                               |                                  | + \$0                              |               |                    |                |                |
| 15.                                                                                                                                                 |                               | TOTAL FEE =                      | \$930                              |               |                    |                |                |
| 16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".                                                |                               |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
| 17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.                                          |                               |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
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| Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975<br>(Our Order No. 086169   0265136<br>C#   M#)                                                                      |                               |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |
| PLEASE CHARGE<br>OUR DEP. ACCT                                                                                                                      |                               |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                |                |

CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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